

September 18, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Eric Williams- Interim County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Commissioner Swaim had the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Brett Doss, 8th grader at Boonville School.

Public Comments

Jimmy Steelman, Hamptonville, spoke on an article dated 2002 regarding statements the Sheriff made regarding the jail. Mr. Steelman stated an estimate was given to build a jail for \$7-\$10 million in 2002. Mr. Steelman questioned why the sudden need to build a jail. He stated he spoke with representatives from DHHS about the jail. He stated Yadkin County does not have the funds needed to build a jail. He suggested adding on to the current facility.

Peggy Boose, Boonville, discussed the jail and why after sixteen years do we need to do something about the temperature inside the jail; the law passed in 1990. She discussed the number of beds in the current jail. She asked Commissioners Phillips, Sneed and Swaim why not put a bond out for the jail allowing the people to vote. She stated this is an insult to the people.

She stated this would be another project that would go over budget; county is really good at going over budgets. She stated the county needs to concentrate on getting water and sewer to I-77/Hwy 421.

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Chairman Wooten requested his statement be added to the minutes; does not feel the minutes accurately summarized what he said

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to approve the minutes with changes and to add his statement. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 3-2. Commissioners Swaim and Phillips opposed.**

Sesquicentennial-citizen request

Ms. Polly Wood presented a quilt which was quilted by Patty Brown and Nola Rich for Yadkin County's Sesquicentennial. Ms. Wood requested the Board display the quilt and cover the framing costs; estimated at \$200 per J.E. Brown.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the framing of the quilt which is not to exceed \$300. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Historic Resource Commission- citizen request

Andrew Mackie, Yadkin Preservation Committee, discussed creating a Yadkin County Historic Resources Commission and the role of the commission. The Preservation recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint a five member committee, before the new Board takes office in December.

The Board thanked Mr. Mackie for the information and requested they meet with Mary Ruffin-Handberry from Raleigh regarding the commission.

Health Department- policy/ordinance

Mike Reavis, Heath Director, presented a "No Tobacco Use Policy" adopted by the Board of Health. The policy would affect the Human Resources, Planning and Health Carolinians buildings and would apply to all

employees, clients, contractors, vendors and visitors. Mr. Reavis informed the Board per N.C.G.S. 143-599 authorizes Local Boards of Health to regulate tobacco use in and around the grounds (up to 50 linear feet) surrounding buildings, housing Health Departments and Social Services, also N.C.G.S. 130A-39(a) gives Local Health Boards the responsibility to protect and promote public health and the authority to adopt rules for that purpose. Mr. Reavis commended the Board for their action on no smoking in the Human Resources building and the courthouse.

Commissioner Sneed stated he has no problem regarding no smoking in the buildings but he does have an issue with the 50 ft radius.

Mr. Reavis stated the radius basically covers the entrances where people enter the buildings.

Commissioner Casstevens stated the employees would have no where to smoke therefore discriminating against those employees who do smoke.

Commissioner Sneed asked would the county have to provide a place for the employees to smoke.

Mr. Reavis stated a representative for the IOG informed him that the county would not have to provide an area; therefore he would not encourage a shelter.

The Board discussed the responsibility of the employees helping enforce the policy.

Mr. Reavis stated he would take the Board's concerns and comments back to the Board of Health.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the capital outlay purchase order for Environmental Health. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Tax Administration-refunds

REFUNDS		
DATE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL		
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006		
		TOTAL
NAME/REASON	YEAR	REFUND
		AMOUNT
THOMAS R WILLARD	2005	\$105.77
100 DUVALL COURT		
LEXINGTON SC 29072		
APPRAISER CORR SQ FTG OF HOUSE		
PATTY WOOTEN	2004-2006	\$ 39.23
3037 FRIENDLY RD		
YADKINVILLE NC 27055		
APPRAISER CORR YR OF MH		
TOTAL		\$145.00

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the refunds.
Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

COG-Scattered Site Housing

General Fund

Dept: Scattered Site Housing

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
CDBG – scattered site housing	1045850-43112	-0-	400,000.00	400,000.00
Rehabilitation Activities-Scattered site housing	1055850-51542	-0-	356,500.00	356,500.00
Administrative Services-	1055850-	-0-	40,000.00	40,000.00

Scattered site housing	55654			
Prof.Services-Scattered site housing	1055850-51500	-0-	3,500.00	3,500.00

To amend for the Scattered Site Housing project for qualified residents of Yadkin County that has been established by a CDBG grant

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the budget amendment for Scattered Site Housing. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

E-911-budget amendment

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Appropriated Fund Balance	2744312-49000	-0-	31,500.00	31,500.00
Equipment	2754312-56010	6,000.00	31,500.00	37,500.00

To amend for the purchase of a new main 911 recorder.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

David Matthews, Communication Supervisor, reported on a problem at Richmond Hill Law School regarding deer stands on county property.

The Board directed Mr. Matthews to speak to the owner of the deer stands about removing the stands and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Casstevens asked about the budget and the proposed cuts.

Mr. Williams stated he needed more time to review the budget.

Commissioner Casstevens stated that Commissioner Sneed had a list of possible cuts.

Commissioner Sneed informed the Board that EMS purchased an ambulance for \$80,000 saving the county \$20,000.

Commissioner Swaim discussed the convenient sites and a termite problem at the Lone Hickory.

Mr. Williams suggested discussing the issue at the next solid waste meeting.

Commissioner Swaim inquired about the holding cells at the courthouse.

Commissioner Sneed stated the Sheriff informed him that the cost should be around \$48,000 to fix the bullpens which are going to be moved to the eastside of the courthouse.

Commissioner Phillips commented the 9-11 Service was very successful.

Commissioner Swaim commended the committee on a well put together service.

Commissioner Phillips reviewed the workshops attended while at the NCACC Conference in Winston-Salem. She mentioned speaking with Steve Segal who reviews expenditures of counties to find cost savings.

Chairman Wooten discussed a prescription program through NACo.

Commissioner Swaim stated Surry County is currently working on implementing this program.

Chairman Wooten directed Ms. Vestal to check with Doris Dick in a few months and find out what progress has been made.

Chairman Wooten inquired about the roofs at the Agriculture Building and the library.

Commissioner Sneed commented most of the leaks have been repaired at the library.

The Board directed Mr. Williams to bring back estimates on the roofs.

Chairman Wooten asked for an update on the water projects.

Mr. Williams handed out information from Randy Darden regarding the water projects. Mr. Williams stated he has a meeting with Mr. Darden tomorrow.

Chairman Wooten authorized Mr. Williams to act on the easements on Hwy 21. He questioned contacting all property owners and what to offer for the easements.

Attorney Graham stated all property owners would have to be contacted because the State does not have recorded r-o-ws.

The Board discussed the waterlines for the West Yadkin area and Starmount High School.

Chairman Wooten discussed appraised values and tax values for the easements. He stated the letters need to be sent out per the direction of Randy Darden.

It was the consensus of the Board to offer tax value for the easements.

Manager comments

Mr. Williams complimented the 9-11 committee on a job well done. He informed the Board that Commissioner Phillips personally paid for the programs. He asked to reimburse her, if the Board directed. It was the consensus of the Board to reimburse Commissioner Phillips.

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the jail with the information from Steve Allen. He suggested meeting with the jail committee to review this information. The dates suggested were October 4th or 5th. The Board suggested meeting after the October 2nd commissioners' meeting.

Mr. Williams informed the Board about a memo he received from Jack Loudermilk regarding staff issues.

Mr. Williams stated he is working with Cheri and State officials regarding transfer stations. They are currently trying to set up a meeting with the Solid Waste Committee

Mr. Williams stated the audit ending June 2006 is requiring more field work from the auditors due to an issue with fixed assets and software system issues. This will cost an additional \$2,700.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the additional \$2,700 to amend the auditor's contract. Commissioner Swaim seconded**

Commissioner Casstevens asked why the contract had to be increased; they agreed to the original contract terms.

The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Casstevens opposed.

Chairman Wooten commented that we are wasting time and money with the comprehensive jail study.

Commissioner Casstevens inquired about the estimates for the air condition at the jail.

Recess

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, September 26th. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, CMC
Clerk to the Board